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hundred and eighty-second reference was Mary Sommermeyer, previously one of our employers (sic--employees), now working for the League of Municipalities. She called Bill Marienau in my office, that went up to the Revisor's staff, and that's how the one hundred and eighty-second phrase got used. Also, in addition, I was the introducer of the suggestion box that permitted state employees to make suggestions and be awarded grants for that should there be money in the pot to do such a thing, and if there is a story that Senator Chambers wants to tell us along that line, I, at some point, would be very, very glad to hear about it. It's important to me. I know that in the past we have not always had money in the fund to pay for suggestions that were given by employees, taken by us, and yet there was not remuneration, and I'd like to hear. Whatever the other shoe is, I'd like to have it drop and hear that story. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I basically wanted just to mention that I heard what Senator Chambers was saying and I, too, was appalled when the state employee did not get the \$5,000 coming to them, and I will be listening and supporting that avenue that he is going on this point. The legislation we have here is good and I will be supportive of it. It...it's something I think we need to keep an eye on and I'm glad Senator Chambers brought this to our attention. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I was just informed by Senator Hartnett, who called the Business and Labor Committee office, because the committee should take some action on it, and an amendment to the claims bill is being drafted. But I'm going to ask a question. How much time and money will be expended by taking this cumbersome course, which I think is just if necessary, instead of some bureaucrat just doing what ought to have been done? What I would like to see is \$5,000 deducted from the net take-home pay of that bureaucrat and handed over to the employee. I'm glad that Senator Landis